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Passing a Note

Write a dialogue or conversation with a friend in complete silence. You are not allowed to speak! This is just like passing a note back and forth in class: You write something, and then a friend writes something in response. The only difference here is that I don't want you to use text-messaging lingo and you are to use the correct punctuation for dialogue.

Let's practice:

“

—?” I bluntly asked.

“

_hesitantly responded.

“

,” I asserted, “

!”

Now you and your partner/team/voice inside your head will try below. Before you begin:

- Don't forget to punctuate correctly and start a new paragraph each time you change speakers.
- All sentences must contain an adverb in the conversational tag
- You are not allowed to use the word *said*. Refer to *Said is Dead* handout.
- Vary your syntax – meaning, try placing the conversational tag in different places within your sentences. Show at least one example of each syntax formation.
- Decide on what tone you, as the author writing for your character, will have. Will you be silly, sarcastic, irritable...?
- Be sure to capitalize the first letter in a sentence of dialogue.
- Be sure to watch out for all types of punctuation within your sentences.

